

**SUMMONS TO COUNCIL**

date Thursday, 12 May 2016  
**commencing at 10:30**

venue County Hall, West Bridgford,  
Nottingham

You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as under.



Chief Executive

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- 2 Election of Vice-Chairman
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- 5 Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
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- 6 Chairman's Business
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## MOTION ONE

“Following the publication of the Government’s White Paper – ‘Educational Excellence Everywhere’– Nottinghamshire County Council objects to the following proposals:

- The forced academisation of all schools in Nottinghamshire
- Removing the requirement to have parent and staff governors which means removing the right to have community representation on Governing Bodies
- The end of university based routes to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

Nottinghamshire County Council believes that:

- The proposals cited above are the wrong priorities. The Government should be focussing on issues such as the crisis in teacher recruitment and retention, rising class sizes and ensuring there are enough school places for all pupils
- These proposals are a threat to local democracy, education provision and to staff terms and conditions
- These proposals will leave this Council with duties to schools, parents, children and young people (including those who are vulnerable and those who have special educational needs) which it will no longer have the funding to enact

Nottinghamshire County Council will:

- Actively oppose the proposals
- Support a national campaign to reject the proposals
- Start a Nottinghamshire wide petition against the proposals, working with head teachers, teachers, members of school staff, parents and governors
- Inform the Secretary of State for Education that we are against all of the proposals above as they will have a detrimental effect on educational standards and community engagement in local schools across Nottinghamshire”

**Councillor John Peck JP**  
**Councillor Liz Plant**

**Councillor Kate Foale**

## MOTION TWO

"This Council:-

- a) Recognises legitimate complaints from residents that the new registration process for access to Nottinghamshire Household Waste Recycling Centres is intrusive and wrong, because it collects too much personal information;
- b) Is concerned about the practical application and likely effectiveness and value of the HWRC access policy, including:-
  - whether the use of hand held devices to check vehicle registration numbers will be effective;
  - whether the use of hand held devices could cause inconvenience to the public, especially at the busiest sites;
  - whether the recycling centre access scheme is sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of particular customers;
  - whether the changes needed to provide more flexibility would make the scheme impossible to police in an effective way;
- c) In the light of these complaints and concerns, instructs the Labour administration to reconsider the HWRC registration policy and bring a new proposal to Full Council."

**Councillor Richard Butler**

**Councillor Roger Jackson**

**14**      **ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**  
(if any)

Notes:-

**(A) For Councillors**

(1) Members will be informed of the date of their Group meeting for Council by their Group Researcher.

(2) The Chairman has agreed that the Council will adjourn for lunch at their discretion.

(3) (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.

(b) Any member or officer who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

(c) Declarations of interest will be recorded and included in the minutes of this meeting and it is therefore important that clear details are given by members and others in turn, to enable Democratic Services to record accurate information.

(4) Members are reminded that petitions can be presented from their seat with a 1 minute time limit set on introducing the petition.

(5) Members attention is drawn to the question put to the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee under paragraph 40 of the Procedure Rules, and the answer to which included in the back of the Council book. Member's attention is also drawn to the questions put to the Chairmen of Children & Young People's Committee, Environment & Sustainability Committee and Transport & Highways Committee under paragraphs 32, 39 and 40 of the Procedure Rules, and the answers to which are included at the back of the Council book.



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (10.30 am – 4.15 pm)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with `A`

**COUNCILLORS**

Sybil Fielding (Chairman)  
Yvonne Woodhead (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair		John Knight
Pauline Allan		Darren Langton
Roy Allan		Bruce Laughton
John Allin	A	Keith Longdon
Chris Barnfather		Rachel Madden
Alan Bell		David Martin
Joyce Bosnjak		Diana Meale
Nicki Brooks		John Ogle
Andrew Brown		Philip Owen
Richard Butler		Michael Payne
Steve Calvert		John Peck JP
Ian Campbell		Sheila Place
Steve Carr		Liz Plant
Steve Carroll		Mike Pringle
John Clarke		Darrell Pulk
John Cottee		Alan Rhodes
Jim Creamer		Ken Rigby
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE		Tony Roberts MBE
Maureen Dobson		Mrs Sue Saddington
Dr John Doddy		Andy Sissons
Boyd Elliott		Pam Skelding
Kate Foale		Martin Suthers OBE
Stephen Garner		Parry Tsimbiridis
Glynn Gilfoyle		Keith Walker
Kevin Greaves		Stuart Wallace
Alice Grice		Muriel Weisz
John Handley		Gordon Wheeler
Colleen Harwood		John Wilkinson
Stan Heptinstall MBE		Jacky Williams
Tom Hollis		John Wilmott
Richard Jackson		Liz Yates
Roger Jackson		Jason Zadrozny
David Kirkham		

## **HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Martin Brandon-Bravo OBE  
Terence H Butler  
John Carter

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis–Ward	(Resources)
David Pearson	(Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Services)
Tim Gregory	(Place)
Chris Kenny	(Public Health)
Sara Allmond	(Resources)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
Catherine Munro	(Resources)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Resources)
Michelle Welsh	(Resources)

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

## **MINUTE SILENCE**

A minute silence was held in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Brussels.

## **1. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED: 2016/012**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith Longdon (medical/illness).

Apologies for absence were also received from Councillor Boyd Elliott (medical/illness) and Councillor Tony Roberts MBE (other reasons) who would both be arriving late.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Martin Suthers OBE declared a non-pecuniary private interest in item 11, motion 1 as he was a member of the Environment Agency's Trent and Ancholme Partnership Group, and a member of the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board as a representative for Rushcliffe Borough Council.



Councillor Roger Jackson declared a non-pecuniary private interest in item 11, motion 1 as he was a member of the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board.

Councillor Bruce Laughton declared a non-pecuniary private interest in item 11, motion 1 as he was a member of the Environment Agency Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

Councillor Sybil Fielding declared a non-pecuniary private interest in item 11, motion 1 as she was a member on the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board as a representative for Bassetlaw District Council.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

##### **(a) STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Alan Rhodes, Leader of the Council made a public apology to the Chamber apologising to the victims and their families for the Council's past failure in its duty to protect children in its care, in relation to historic abuse. The statement is attached at Appendix A.

##### **(b) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

###### **Apprenticeships 4 England Awards – Apprenticeship Recruitment Bronze Award**

Councillor Alan Rhodes introduced the award won by the Council in respect of its support in preparing local young people for substantive employment through its own apprenticeship scheme as an employer in its own right. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Rhodes and presented it to Helen Richardson, Senior HR Business Partner and Marjorie Toward, Service Director Customers and Human Resources.

##### **(c) FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR KEN O'TOOLE**

The Chairman informed Full Council that she had been advised that morning of the sad news that former County Councillor Ken O'Toole had passed away having been unwell for a while.

#### **5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES**

The following Members spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and were relevant to the services provided by the County Council.

Councillor John Ogle – ongoing campaign for a pedestrian crossing outside Tuxford Primary Academy

Councillor Philip Owen – state of pavements in Horsendale Estate, Nuthall following utilities repairs.

Councillor John Wilmott – various transport and highways issues in his division.

## **6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below:-

- (1) Councillor Nicki Brooks request for a 24 hour residents parking scheme for Matlock Street, Netherfield
- (2) Councillor Nicki Brooks request for a 24 hour residents parking scheme for Kenrick Street, Netherfield.
- (3) Councillor Jacky Williams request for a residents parking scheme for Windsor Crescent, Stapleford
- (4) Councillor John Ogle request for traffic calming measures for Main Street in Bothamsall
- (5) Councillor John Wilkinson regarding traffic outside Holgate Primary School, Hucknall
- (6) Councillor David Martin requesting a pavement extension on Alfreton Road, Underwood
- (7) Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE request for a residents parking scheme for Cemetery Road, Stapleford

### **RESOLVED: 2016/013**

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

## **6b. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **RESOLVED: 2016/014**

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

## **7. CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES**

The report provided Members with the opportunity to raise any matters of clarification in the Minutes of Committee meetings published since the last meeting.

## **8. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2016/17**

Councillor Alan Rhodes introduced the report and addendum and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/015 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Joyce Bosnjak.

### **RESOLVED: 2016/015**

That the Pay Policy Statement, as appended to the report, which sets out the Council's existing policies, procedures and terms and conditions of employment for all staff be approved for publication on the Council's website by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

## **9. RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS OF GROUPS**

Councillor Steve Carroll introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/016 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Nicki Brooks.

### **RESOLVED: 2016/016**

That, in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of the Groups be noted.

## **10. QUESTIONS**

### **(a) QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY**

No questions were received

### **(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Six questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Bruce Laughton about changes to the Rights of Way department (Councillor John Wilkinson replied)
- 2) from Councillor Ken Rigby regarding academies and parent governors (Councillor John Peck JP replied)
- 3) from Councillor John Wilmott about pothole repairs in Hucknall (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)

The full responses to these questions are set out in Appendix B to these Minutes.

Having previously submitted his apologies, Councillor Boyd Elliott arrived at the meeting during this agenda item.

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following three questions were asked. A written response to each question would be provided to the Councillor who asked the question within 15 days of the meeting and be included within the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 4) from Councillor John Wilmott regarding dangerous parking outside schools (Councillor John Peck JP to reply)
- 5) from Councillor Rachel Madden concerning accessing funding allocated in the budget (Councillor Kevin Greaves to reply)
- 6) from Councillor John Wilmott concerning S106 funding (Councillor Jim Creamer to reply)

## **11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **Motion One**

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Bruce Laughton and seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson:-

“That this Council:-

- 1) Notes the explanation of funding sources for Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management set out in a paper issued in December 2015 by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which can be read at:  
[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/480527/Funding\\_for\\_Flood\\_and\\_Coastal\\_Erosion\\_in\\_England\\_Dec\\_2015.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/480527/Funding_for_Flood_and_Coastal_Erosion_in_England_Dec_2015.pdf);
- 2) Recognises the importance of the local levy raised by the Environment Agency's Regional Flood & Coastal Committees, noting that Nottinghamshire County Council pays around £270,000 per year to the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee;
- 3) Notes that the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee already holds £2.8 million in local levy reserves, with the contributions for 2016/17 still to come;
- 4) Resolves to write a letter to the Chairman of the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee stating:-
  - i) that this money should be spent on providing physical flood protection schemes (e.g. flood barriers) for our local communities, and protection for individual properties where necessary;

- ii) that this money should NOT be diverted to cover maintenance and revenue costs which should be met by individual Lead Local Flood Authorities, the Environment Agency or Internal Drainage Boards;
- 5) Instructs Nottinghamshire County Council's finance officers to support our flood prevention officers to prepare bids for areas in the county which are at high risk of flooding in order that money can be drawn down from the local levy reserve, in line with point 4 i) above;
- 6) Will send a copy of the letter (described in point 4) as soon as possible to the relevant borough, district and parish councils with areas at risk of flooding, expressing the importance of their support in this matter."

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Steve Calvert and seconded by Councillor Alice Grice:-

"That this Council:-

- 1) Notes the explanation of funding sources for Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management set out in a paper issued in December 2015 by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which can be read at: [www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/480527/Funding\\_for\\_Flood\\_and\\_Coastal\\_Erosion\\_in\\_England\\_Dec\\_2015.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/480527/Funding_for_Flood_and_Coastal_Erosion_in_England_Dec_2015.pdf);
- 2) Recognises the importance of the local levy raised by the Environment Agency's Regional Flood & Coastal Committees, noting that Nottinghamshire County Council pays around £270,000 per year to the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC);
- 3) ~~Notes that the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee already holds £2.8 million in local levy reserves, with the contributions for 2016/17 still to come~~ Notes the letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 sent by the Chairman of the Trent RFCC and the Area Manager (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire) of the Environment Agency to all Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) in the Area which referred to;
  - i) the increasing awareness at Government level of the impact of global warming and the unprecedented extreme weather patterns that are being experienced on an increasingly frequent basis;
  - ii) the agreement at the last Trent RFCC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January to increase the Local Levy on all LLFAs by 2%;
  - iii) the commitment to reduce current balances of £2.83 million to around £500,000 by Spring 2017;

- iv) the need for all LLFAs to prioritise the submission of bids for Local Levy funding for schemes and projects which will reduce flood risk in their communities;
  - v) the offer from the Environment Agency to provide advice and guidance to Local Authority staff in order to accelerate the number of scheme submissions;
- 4) Resolves to write a letter reply to the Chairman of the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee stating:-
- i) that it continues to value the importance of the effective partnership working of the Trent RFCC;
  - ii) that this money should be spent on providing physical flood protection schemes (e.g. flood barriers) for our local communities, and protection for individual properties where necessary;
  - iii) that this money should NOT be diverted to cover maintenance and revenue costs which should be met by individual Lead Local Flood Authorities, the Environment Agency or Internal Drainage Boards;
  - iv) that it welcomes the officer of advice and guidance from the Environment Agency instructs Nottinghamshire County Council's finance officers to support our flood prevention officers to prepare bids for areas in the county which are at high risk of flooding in order that money can be drawn down from the local levy reserve, in line with point 4 i) above;
- 5) Will send a copy of the letter (described in point 4) as soon as possible to the relevant borough, district and parish councils with areas at risk of flooding, expressing the importance of their support in this matter."

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

Council adjourned from 12.36pm to 1.39pm. Following the adjournment Councillor Dr John Doddy did not return to the meeting and Councillor Colleen Harwood did not return to the meeting until later in the agenda. Having previously submitted his apologies, Councillor Tony Roberts MBE arrived at the meeting at 1.39pm during the debate.

Following a debate, the motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared that it was carried and it was:-

**RESOLVED: 2016/017**

"That this Council:-

- 1) Notes the explanation of funding sources for Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management set out in a paper issued in December 2015 by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which can be read at:  
[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/480527/Funding\\_for\\_Flood\\_and\\_Coastal\\_Erosion\\_in\\_England\\_Dec\\_2015.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/480527/Funding_for_Flood_and_Coastal_Erosion_in_England_Dec_2015.pdf);
- 2) Recognises the importance of the local levy raised by the Environment Agency's Regional Flood & Coastal Committees, noting that Nottinghamshire County Council pays around £270,000 per year to the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC);
- 3) Notes the letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 sent by the Chairman of the Trent RFCC and the Area Manager (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire) of the Environment Agency to all Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) in the Area which referred to;
  - i) the increasing awareness at Government level of the impact of global warming and the unprecedented extreme weather patterns that are being experienced on an increasingly frequent basis;
  - ii) the agreement at the last Trent RFCC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January to increase the Local Levy on all LLFAs by 2%;
  - iii) the commitment to reduce current balances of £2.83 million to around £500,000 by Spring 2017;
  - iv) the need for all LLFAs to prioritise the submission of bids for Local Levy funding for schemes and projects which will reduce flood risk in their communities;
  - v) the offer from the Environment Agency to provide advice and guidance to Local Authority staff in order to accelerate the number of scheme submissions;
- 4) Resolves to write a reply to the Chairman of the Trent Regional Flood & Coastal Committee stating:-
  - i) that it continues to value the importance of the effective partnership working of the Trent RFCC;
  - ii) that this money should be spent on providing physical flood protection schemes (e.g. flood barriers) for our local communities, and protection for individual properties where necessary;
  - iii) that this money should NOT be diverted to cover maintenance and revenue costs which should be met by individual Lead Local Flood Authorities, the Environment Agency or Internal Drainage Boards;

- iv) that it welcomes the officer of advice and guidance from the Environment Agency to support our flood prevention officers to prepare bids for areas in the county which are at high risk of flooding in order that money can be drawn down from the local levy reserve, in line with point 4 i) above;
- 5) Will send a copy of the letter (described in point 4) as soon as possible to the relevant borough, district and parish councils with areas at risk of flooding, expressing the importance of their support in this matter.”

### **Motion Two**

Councillor Steve Carr moved the motion in terms of resolution 2016/018 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE.

Following a debate the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 35 Members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Roy Allan	Darren Langton
John Allin	Diana Meale
Alan Bell	Michael Payne
Joyce Bosnjak	John Peck JP
Nicki Brooks	Sheila Place
Steve Calvert	Liz Plant
Steve Carr	Mike Pringle
Steve Carroll	Darrell Pulk
John Clarke	Alan Rhodes
Jim Creamer	Ken Rigby
Sybil Fielding	Pam Skelding
Kate Foale	Parry Tsimbiridis
Glynn Gilfoyle	Muriel Weisz
Kevin Greaves	John Wilkinson
Alice Grice	Jacky Williams
Stan Heptinstall MBE	Yvonne Woodhead
David Kirkham	

The following 2 Members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion:-

Stephen Garner	Andy Sissons
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The following 27 Members ‘**Abstained**’ from the vote:-

Reg Adair	Chris Barnfather
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Andrew Brown  
Richard Butler  
Ian Campbell  
John Cottee  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Maureen Dobson  
Boyd Elliott  
John Handley  
Tom Hollis  
Richard Jackson  
Roger Jackson  
Bruce Laughton  
Rachel Madden

David Martin  
John Ogle  
Philip Owen  
Tony Roberts MBE  
Mrs Sue Saddington  
Martin Suthers OBE  
Keith Walker  
Stuart Wallace  
Gordon Wheeler  
John Wilmott  
Liz Yates  
Jason Zadrozny

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

**RESOLVED: 2016/018**

That this Council believes that Nottinghamshire is better within the European Union.

Councillor Colleen Harwood returned to the meeting at 2.14pm, left the meeting at 2.43pm and returned at 3.17pm during consideration of Motion Two.

**Motion Three**

A motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Liz Yates and seconded by Councillor John Ogle:-

“This Council:-

- 1) Notes the intention of Bassetlaw District Council to apply for full constituent membership of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, whilst still expecting to become a non-constituent member of the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire Combined Authority;
- 2) Is concerned that this decision should not have been taken by Bassetlaw District Council in isolation and without proper consultation with the residents of Bassetlaw;
- 3) Is concerned that this decision should not have been taken without full consideration of the implications for the position of the people of Bassetlaw within the County of Nottinghamshire;
- 4) Strongly advises Bassetlaw District Council to conduct a full referendum across the whole of the district to establish the views of all the people it represents;

- 5) Resolves to write immediately to the Leader and Chief Executive of Bassetlaw District Council to this effect.”

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 29 Members voted ‘**For**’ the motion:-

Reg Adair	Rachel Madden
Chris Barnfather	David Martin
Andrew Brown	John Ogle
Richard Butler	Philip Owen
Ian Campbell	Tony Roberts MBE
John Cottee	Mrs Sue Saddington
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Andy Sissons
Boyd Elliott	Martin Suthers OBE
Stephen Garner	Keith Walker
John Handley	Stuart Wallace
Stan Heptinstall MBE	Gordon Wheeler
Tom Hollis	John Wilmott
Richard Jackson	Liz Yates
Roger Jackson	Jason Zadrozny
Bruce Laughton	

The following 33 Members voted ‘**Against**’ the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Roy Allan	Darren Langton
John Allin	Diana Meale
Alan Bell	Michael Payne
Joyce Bosnjak	John Peck JP
Nicki Brooks	Sheila Place
Steve Calvert	Liz Plant
Steve Carroll	Mike Pringle
John Clarke	Darrell Pulk
Jim Creamer	Alan Rhodes
Sybil Fielding	Ken Rigby
Kate Foale	Pam Skelding
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Alice Grice	John Wilkinson
Colleen Harwood	Yvonne Woodhead
David Kirkham	

The following 3 Members ‘**Abstained**’ from the vote:-

Steve Carr	Jacky Williams
Maureen Dobson	

The Chairman declared that the motion was lost.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

None

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**



## **APPENDIX A**

### **LEADER'S STATEMENT TO FULL COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016 REGARDING HISTORIC CHILD ABUSE**

Members will be aware that yesterday saw the sentencing of an ex-employee of Nottinghamshire County Council, former residential social worker Andris Logins, for a string of serious sexual offences committed against children in his and our care in the 1980s. Members will also recall that I stood in this chamber last November and pledged to make an unreserved apology if this Council was found to have failed to protect children in its care. That moment has now arrived.

To the victims and their families, I wholeheartedly and unreservedly apologise when, as a Council, we fail in our duty of care to protect you. I want to pay tribute to the bravery, courage and persistence of these victims who at last have seen justice prevail with a lengthy custodial sentence for a man who betrayed his position of trust. It was our role to keep children safe and we clearly didn't, which is a deep source of regret. These offences took place more than 30 years ago and it is important to assure people that residential children's homes of the 1980s bear no resemblance to those of today.

The Goddard Inquiry will further examine the scale and nature of historic child sexual abuse in Nottinghamshire and we will cooperate fully with this Inquiry and ongoing police investigations.

This case sends out a clear message to the victims of abuse that your experiences are being listened to and believed and I would encourage anyone who has suffered abuse of any kind to come forward and report it to ourselves or to Nottinghamshire Police. While we can't change the past, we can affect the present. Be reassured that as a Council we will do everything in our power to help make sure the children in our care are kept safe.



## **APPENDIX B**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

#### **Question to the Chairman of Planning and Licensing Committee, from Councillor Bruce Laughton**

Does the Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee think it is sensible to split the Rights of Way department, hiving off half to CORMAC whilst retaining control over the legal side of the department?

#### **Response from Councillor John Wilkinson, Chairman of Planning and Licensing Committee**

Can I thank Councillor Laughton for his question, particularly given his knowledge and expertise regarding the intricacies of Rights of Way.

I do have some sympathy with the sentiments which, I feel, lie behind his question and I can confirm that the decision to transfer certain functions of the current rights of way team into VIA, was a finely-balanced one.

That this finely-balanced decision came down in the end on the side of splitting the team is based, in the main, on the view that sees Rights of Way as an integral part of the highways system and it was felt that, Area Officers dealing with oversight and maintenance of the network should be part of VIA in order to have that consistency of approach and clarity of purpose for members of the public, that we would all seek.

Councillor Laughton, quite rightly, identifies the legal aspect of the Rights of Way process and thought was given, initially, to transferring the whole team. It was obvious, however, that certain functions had to be retained within the County. It is essential, particularly in the transitional period, that there is close working between all elements of the team. This, of course, will be aided by the fact that officers will be based in the same office, which will mitigate some of the potential problems of division of responsibility.

I want to assure Councillor Laughton that, in order to address the concerns implicit in his question, that regular meetings are planned between the retained client and VIA as part of the contract management approach and the performance of the Rights of Way service will be scrupulously monitored. That this assurance will be backed by both the determination of oversight by the Planning and Licensing Committee itself, plus the welcome intensity of the Laughton eye, should bring comfort to all of us, determined to make the new system effective.

#### **Question to the Chairman of Children and Young People's Committee, from Councillor Ken Rigby**

The Government has announced that all schools will be forced to become Academies by 2020 and that the role of 'Parent Governors' is not a necessary one. Does the Chairman of the Children & Young People's Committee agree with me that this may

have a negative impact on education standards in Nottinghamshire, that schools and their governing bodies should have the right to choose based on the knowledge of their own school and communities and does the Chairman agree with me that Parent Governors play an integral and important role in the effective governance of schools?

**Response from Councillor John Peck JP, Chairman of Children and Young People's Committee**

I would like to thank very much Councillor Rigby for asking this question, giving me the opportunity to address some of the points that he raises.

Firstly, I do not want anything I say to be misinterpreted today as denigrating any Nottinghamshire schools or academies as that certainly is not the case. This local authority enjoys very good relations with all of our schools and we have worked in partnership wherever possible, but have also been prepared to challenge schools where we have felt that they were under performing. However, like many lead members across the country, the Local Government Association, not to mention many Head Teachers, governors and parents I have deep concerns about the Chancellor of Exchequer's announcement, during his ill-fated budget speech, that all remaining maintained schools would be forced, they don't use that word but that's the outcome of that, will be forced willingly or not to become Academies by 2020, or have in place a plan to have in becoming an Academy by 2022 at the latest. And the subsequent white paper, which Nicky Morgan the Secretary of State was actually allowed to announce on her own, contained some proposals that I might broadly agree with in amongst a lot of what I would term apple pie waffle. But what concerns me above all else is the aim to force, not persuade, to force all schools to be Academies. I'm actually perfectly satisfied with the current situation, whereby governing bodies are able to make an informed choice as to the form of governance that they prefer. The White Paper makes it absolutely clear that local authorities will be excluded from any involvement in their local schools, other than three points that are outlined in the paper, and they will be responsible for. As the white paper states first, ensuring every child has a school place. Second, ensuring the needs of vulnerable pupils are met, although I am not quite certain from everything that I have read in the paper exactly how that will pan out and thirdly acting as champions for all parents and families, whatever that may mean. So just those three points, that is the remaining role of local authorities, as mapped out in the White Paper, and the reality is arising from that, that no democratically elected local member will have any say whatsoever in what happens in their local schools. You, won't be sitting on your local schools governing body, even. I guess there are a great many governors sitting here today.

Furthermore, it would appear that the White Paper does not respect the pivotal role played by parents, which Councillor Rigby has referred to in his question and it would appear that they also will have no right to representation on governing bodies at all. The White Paper does say that the Government will actually do more to ensure parents will have more of a significant voice, and it goes on to describe that they are going to set up a parent portal. I am not quite sure how that will increase parent's voice, but it sounds to me like a sort of "mums net" for parents, so that they can chunter away about their local school. But that is not the same as being able to sit on a governing body and hold that school to account and challenge that school and support the school.



All of this is in the name of freeing schools from the stifling control of big bad local authorities and this view, often expounded by a certain kind of media, in my view is a myth. All schools have been virtually independent of local authority control for the past 25 years, and indeed in many ways I would argue and have argued often, that Head Teachers in our maintained schools actually have more independence in many ways, than those that are part of an Academy trust or chain.

In Nottinghamshire almost all of the 45 Secondary schools are now Academies, however of the 280 odd primary schools only around 45 or 15% have converted to Academy status, so the vast majority of schools in Nottinghamshire are not Academies. This is similar to the national picture, where 6 out of 7 primaries are not academies. Why should they be forced into the unknown, when they have consistently performed well? And, in Nottinghamshire our primary schools have consistently performed around or above the national average, in such results at the end of key stage 2 and most of our primary schools are actually rated good or outstanding. I have done a lot of research on this and I can find no evidence that Academisation is a magic bullet and necessarily brings about improvements in standards. Some schools have performed well, when they have converted to an Academy status and some not so well. Some multi-academy trusts are performing well and some not so well. As indeed the Chief Inspector of Schools Michael Wilshaw has drawn attention to recently and indeed turning to our Secondary schools in Nottinghamshire I actually find a rather worrying picture at the moment. GCSE results at the end of Key Stage 4 appear to have steadily declined as more schools have academised. Since 2006 our secondary schools had been improving GCSE results year on year with the support of our excellence school improvement service. However, the Children and Young People's Committee this week considered the performance figures for Nottinghamshire schools and there appears to be a decline, a noticeable decline, in results in the Secondary sector.

There are currently eight publicly funded secondary academies in Nottinghamshire below the Government's floor target. This has risen from four in 2014, and whilst it is the case that outcomes overall have declined between 2011, when there were only 11 secondary academies in the county, compared to 2015 when this had risen to 41 academies and as I say eight now below floor targets and the floor targets are at 40% and the schools targets' should at least achieve 40% in five GCSE's including English and Maths. The situation with A Levels is, if anything, even worse, and this suggests to me that Academisation does not necessarily improve educational outcomes.

You might well say, what are you doing about it then? Well the truth is that both I and the Children and Young People's Committee are powerless to intervene. Academies are the responsibility of the Regional Schools Commissioner, who is an appointed civil servant responsible directly to the Secretary of State. She has written to me refusing to accept the invitation of the Children and Young People's Committee, declining to discuss with us her role and the performance of Nottinghamshire Schools. Furthermore, she has told me to back off trying to meet with heads of underperforming academies, as it's not my business, I paraphrase the letter, but those are quite clearly her sentiments; that it is none of my business nor that of the Children and Young People's Committee.

We will see where all of this goes but at the moment, this is a White Paper, not an Act of Parliament, and we have seen this week with the budget that a policy which seemed good one day can be unceremoniously dropped the next day. There appears to be strong cross party opposition across the country to wholesale forced Academisation. For example, the Conservative Lead Member for Hampshire has expressed outrage, he said and I quote him 'why should our 500 schools, most of which are good or outstanding be forced to put so much time and energy in taking a step into the unknown' and I could say exactly the same in reference to our Nottinghamshire schools, Councillor Rigby. Councillor Roy Perry Conservative Children and Young People's spokesman for the Local Government Association, was extremely angry about this and he said 'the Local Government Association opposes both forced Academisation and the transfer of significant powers relating to education to unelected civil servants, who parents and residents are unable to hold to account to in the ballot box.' Councils are among the country's most effective education leaders with 82% of council maintained schools rated by Ofsted as good or outstanding, that's similar to us in Nottinghamshire. It defies reason that councils have been portrayed as barriers for schools improvement. It is vital we concentrate on the quality of education rather than the legal status of schools. Also there are no proposals to reimburse councils for the significant costs they will face of the conversion of up to 18,000 maintained schools across the country. And, that last point is important because each academy conversion incurs a significant cost to the local authority, particularly if a school has a deficit budget. We often end up picking up the tab, and of course of our legal team will have increased pressures upon them should they be in the position of the conversion of 240 odd schools. As Councillor Owen has said our legal team have been under some pressure this week sorting out the mischief making in our Children and Young People's Committee.

I trust that most Members will agree with me that we should be concentrating on standards in schools and the quality of leadership, teaching and learning, not on changing the badge on the door. Quite frankly, I fail to see how this highly centralised system fits in with all the promises of devolving powers to local communities.

**Question to the Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee, from Councillor John Wilmott**

At a surgery on Saturday, at the Tesco Superstore, there were numerous complaints by the general public on the standard of workmanship by firms that are doing our pothole repairs in Hucknall. Can I ask the Chairman of Transport and Highways to investigate this accusation and bring back a report to the Transport and Highways Committee at your earliest convenience on the state of the repairs?

Can I also say I shall be doing my own investigation on the same issue?

**Response from Councillor Kevin Greaves, Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee**

It is concerning to hear that members of the general public have raised complaints about the standards of workmanship of pothole repairs in Hucknall. As Members will recognise, the public highway is constantly subject to wear and tear, and the amount of damage is prone to increase during the winter months. We maintain the public

highway in a safe condition for all users and over the last few years our repair techniques have changed.

One repair treatment that is now frequently used by our highway team to address potholes is the use of a proprietary instant road repair material. This material enables an immediate repair to be carried out, as part of a first time fix where the repair is made at time of inspection. This type of repair is extremely durable, with a very low failure rate and there is little, or no waste. A significant advantage of using this material is that the pothole does not need to be excavated or cut square, and it can be undertaken in all weather conditions. As the defect is not tied to a square or rectangular patch this can give the impression that the workmanship is poor. However, these repairs last longer than conventional treatments and offer a cost effective rapid response to the repair of defects.

Whilst I believe it is the treatment type, not the workmanship of the repair, which has given rise to the concerns in Hucknall, I do recognise that there may be occasions when a highway repair is not satisfactory and in this regard I would welcome the opportunity for any specific examples to be investigated.

At this stage Councillor Wilmott has not approached me about any specific cases, nor has he raised these issues prior to this question. As I have publically stated before in this very Chamber, I am more than willing and in fact invited Councillor John Wilmott to meet with me on any such transport and highways issues. I once again await for Councillor Wilmott to agree a meeting or maybe it will just be like every other time - I will have to wait for another County Council question in this Council Chamber.



**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE CULTURE COMMITTEE, THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
COMMITTEE****RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of decisions made by the Culture, Economic Development, Environment & Sustainability, and Transport & Highways Committees concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council on 14<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**Information and Advice****CULTURE COMMITTEE****A. Petition entitled 'Save Our Funfair – Edwinstowe' (Ref 2016/159)**

2. A petition with 969 signatures was presented to Full Council on 25 February 2016 by Councillor John Peck. The petition stated "Despite purchasing 2 fields specifically for the site of the new visitor centre the County Council has now decided that the preferred location for the visitor centre is forest corner which is the current location of the funfair. The funfair has been given notice that the Council will not renew their licence when it expires next year. The only land that the Council has offered the funfair to relocate to is the field across the road. This location is not suitable because the deterrent of the busy road for children would potentially make the funfair unsustainable. As no other suitable site has been offered this could mean that we will lose the funfair forever." The petition was compiled in December 2015.
3. The RSPB is currently part way through the design and planning stage of its work to establish the replacement visitor centre. RSPB and Council officers are in contact with the Edwinstowe Funfair operators regarding the future location and operation of the Funfair. Both the County Council and the RSPB have publically committed to support the Funfair to effectively relocate its operations. To this end, an initial meeting with the Funfair operators took place on 18 March. This meeting was constructive, and focused on how the funfair might operate sustainably from a site integrated within the replacement visitor centre's customer parking area on Naish's Field. This site offers access to a greater number of potential customers, would provide the Funfair with sufficient and appropriately designated space and access to necessary utilities. Issues

of access and road crossing will be addressed by the RSPB and the Council through the formal planning process for the replacement visitor centre.

4. Committee noted that discussions were ongoing with the Edwinstowe Funfair operators regarding the future location of the Funfair, and confirmed that the Council remains committed to supporting the effective relocation of the Funfair.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **B. Petition regarding superfast broadband for Askham (Ref 2016/148)**

At the County Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 a petition of 37 signatures was presented by County Councillor John Ogle, seeking local government help to provide superfast broadband coverage to Askham.

5. Nottinghamshire County Council is the lead Authority for the programme in Nottinghamshire but improved broadband speeds are not something which the Council has a statutory responsibility for. The Council has a responsibility to ensure that the money available under the programme is used to maximum effect and that the works undertaken: (a) supply a network capable of delivering superfast broadband speeds to the optimum number of properties and (b) is of high quality.
6. All 23 premises covered by the petition do not currently have access to superfast broadband speeds, with most only receiving a maximum speed of 2Mbps. The government recognises that speeds below 2Mbps are not sufficient for ordinary web browsing, shopping and video streaming/calls (e.g. iPlayer or Skype) and has therefore instigated a 'Universal Service Commitment' pledge. Under this pledge, premises with speeds below 2Mbps can now access a satellite broadband solution through a voucher scheme, with up to £350 towards the costs of installing and maintaining a satellite broadband connection reimbursed to the consumer.
7. Economic Development Committee agreed a response to the lead petitioner should be sent setting out the following points:
8. The residents' frustration is very much appreciated. However Committee members are aware that the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) programme will not deliver superfast broadband speeds to 100% of premises due to the significant costs involved. The satellite broadband scheme offers a viable alternative to those premises that will not benefit directly from a fibre-based solution. Satellite services are being improved and enhanced all the time and some can now offer superfast speeds.
9. In terms of the specific premises in Askham that are covered by the petition, they are connected directly to the Gamston exchange and not to the fibre-enabled cabinet in the village. There are currently no plans to provide access to fibre broadband to these premises through the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme due to the prohibitive costs of the work required to rearrange the local telecoms network.
10. However, residents could consider applying to BT's 'Community Fibre Partnership' programme, which enables communities that are not covered by fibre broadband solutions to request a solution design from BT which could then be part-funded by the

community. Further details are available here: <http://www.bt-ngb.com/community-fibre-partnerships>. In addition, most of the 23 premises covered by the petition should be eligible for the satellite voucher scheme as referenced above. Further information on this scheme is available on the County Council's website: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-employment-and-benefits/better-broadband-for-nottinghamshire-programme/basic-broadband-for-all/apply>.

11. Finally, as with other petitions relating to the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, it is worth noting that efficiencies are accruing to the programme and that in the future these may be used to extend fibre coverage further into areas that are not currently scheduled to benefit from the programme. The County Council cannot offer guarantees that Askham will benefit from such investment but it remains a possibility, albeit not before 2018.
12. It is important to restate the position on the existing Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) rollout. A finite sum of money has been made available to the programme. The contracts we entered into with BT are for them to achieve maximum coverage across the County with the money available. The rollout plan BT produced and are working to is to achieve exactly that. Maximum coverage with the money available. Clearly to ensure maximum coverage their rollout plan is based on several factors including the cost of the civil engineering work required, as well as the number of properties passed.

**C. Petitions regarding broadband services in North Clifton (Ref 2016/166), Wigsley (Ref 2016/167) and Harby (2016/168)**

13. At the County Council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Councillor Maureen Dobson presented three petitions regarding superfast broadband. A petition of 20 signatures organised by North Clifton residents, calling for North Clifton to be treated an urgent priority in the roll out of superfast Broadband. A petition of 59 signatures organised by Wigsley residents, calling for fibre broadband to be provided to Wigsley sooner by moving forward the roll out date and a petition of 126 signatures organised by Harby residents, calling for fibre broadband to be provided to Harby sooner by moving forward the roll out date.
14. Economic Development Committee agreed that a response to the lead petitioners should be sent setting out the following points:
15. The Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) programme is well on track to delivering its ambitions of 95% of premises in the county (when combined with planned commercial coverage) being enabled with access to superfast broadband (24Mbps and above) by 2016 and 98% coverage by 2018.
16. Nottinghamshire County Council is the lead Authority for the programme in Nottinghamshire but improved broadband speeds are not something which the Council has a statutory responsibility for. The Council has a responsibility to ensure that the money available under the programme is used to maximum effect and that the works undertaken: (a) supply a network capable of delivering superfast broadband speeds to the optimum number of properties and (b) is of high quality.



17. It is important to restate the position on the existing Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) rollout. A finite sum of money has been made available to the programme. The contracts we entered into with BT are for them to achieve maximum coverage across the County with the money available. The rollout plan BT produced and are working to is to achieve exactly that. Maximum coverage with the money available. Clearly to ensure maximum coverage their rollout plan is based on several factors including the cost and timings of the civil engineering work required, as well as the number of properties passed.
18. The residents' frustration is very much appreciated. However, the vast majority of premises within these parish areas are included in the BBfN programme, with delivery due to be achieved between October 2016 and April 2017. Some premises may be eligible for the satellite broadband voucher scheme (<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-employment-and-benefits/better-broadband-for-nottinghamshire-programme/basic-broadband-for-all>). However, for premises to be eligible there needs to be longer than 12 months before a fibre broadband solution will be delivered and this will not be the case for many of the premises concerned.
19. The council has already been through an acceleration process in conjunction with BT and BDUK and as a result the delivery dates of the programme are now nine months ahead of where they were originally expected to be.
20. The rollout plan is well underway with significant ongoing work being undertaken. An accepted process of the programme is that timings of broadband rollout cannot be negotiated mid- contract as this would have the potential to incur significant extra cost.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

### **D. Petition objecting to proposed shale gas development at Misson Springs (Ref 2016/0160)**

21. At the County Council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 a petition was presented by County Councillor Liz Yates. The petition is entitled "*Petition against the proposed shale gas development at Misson Springs*" and has 363 signatures. The petition stated:

*"Misson is a small village located 12 miles north of Retford, in the most northern part of the county of Nottinghamshire. Misson Springs, which lies north of the village itself, is the most northern place within the county and borders on North Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire. The parish also contains the hamlet of Newington. According to the 2014-15 electoral register there are 520 residents.*

*Following the submission by IGas of the planning application ES/3379 for two exploratory wells which may lead to future hydraulic fracturing for shale gas at Springs Road, the Misson Community Action Group petitioned the parishioners of Misson. This was a door to door exercise carried out by residents in the latter part of 2015. 363 signatures were collected which represents 70% of the population.*



*This demonstrates that an overwhelming majority of the community is against an exploratory work or future shale gas extraction in the area. Residents' concerns include:*

- the large number of HGVs that will be used on a quiet rural road not suited to such large volumes of traffic;*
- dilapidation of road surface;*
- the safety of all road users;*
- the effects of noise and vibration from traffic and drilling;*
- lighting impacts on people and wildlife;*
- loss of visual amenity;*
- negative impacts on the Misson Carr SSSI;*
- increase in air emissions compromising air quality;*
- possibility of contamination of the aquifers and the water supply to hundreds of thousands of people in the East Midlands and South Yorkshire;*
- impact on heritage assets;*
- the possible contamination and loss of organic status of prime agricultural land;*
- the cumulative effect on the village bearing in mind Misson already suffers from sand and gravel quarrying, noxious emissions from Tunnel Tech North and noise from Robin Hood Airport."*

22. The planning application referred to in the petition is currently being considered and will, in due course, be brought before the Planning and Licensing Committee for determination. At such a time the petition will be reported to Members of Planning and Licensing Committee along with all other representations that have been made in relation to the application. Members will consider the petition in the determination of the application. The lead petitioner has been advised that the petition will be considered in the determination of the planning application.

## **TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

### **E. Petition regarding Gunthorpe traffic lights (Ref 2016/0146)**

23. At the County Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 a petition was presented by County Councillor Roger Jackson. The petition of 427 signatures and 105 electronic signatures from residents and road users in and around Gunthorpe requested traffic lights at the junction of Main Street and the A6097. It was suggested that the lights be operational at peak times and be activated at any time by traffic leaving the village. Gunthorpe Main Street runs parallel to the A6097 with two entrances to the village, one on Main Street and one on Trentside. In addition to residential properties adjacent to the River Trent there are several Pubs and restaurants encouraging visitors all year round.
24. Comments supporting this proposal cite difficulties getting into and out of the village at peak times due to the volume and speed of traffic on the A6097

25. Any scheme, especially with the level of funding signalisation of this junction would require, needs to meet the objectives of the Local Transport Plan to be considered for funding. The main emphasis of this is supporting the economy; within that there are priorities on reducing congestion and improving access to jobs and training. There is also an on-going requirement to reduce road casualties.
26. Accident data for the A6097 / Main Street Gunthorpe (North Junction) shows that there have been no injury accidents for the last 4 years, additionally in 2014 a scheme to reduce the speed limit and improve lighting along its length has possibly further improved safety on the road.
27. Signalising the junction here would be a major investment and would need to produce significant benefits. In terms of accessibility, the bus operators haven't expressed any problems with turning out of the junction, nor would pedestrians significantly benefit from a crossing point at signals as the existing footpath to local amenities is on the village side of the road. Accident levels actually increase with the provision of signals; the average injury rate for the County is around 1.26 per year, significantly higher than the existing rate at the site. As such the Committee agreed that there were currently no plans to include a junction signalisation scheme for Main Street, Gunthorpe.

**F. Petition regarding speed limit reduction at Mill Lane, Rockley (Ref 2016/0147)**

29. At the County Council meeting of 14th January 2016 a petition was presented by County Councillor John Ogle. The petition of 18 signatures from residents of Mill Lane, Rockley requested that a speed limit of 30mph be imposed on the Road. Mill lane is a rural cul-de-sac which is currently de-restricted and fronted on part of one side by several properties including a farm and a church.
30. To consider this request an assessment will be carried out including a visual survey, an actual speed evaluation, and an investigation of the speed related injury accident data. Once this is available the request will be assessed in line with guidelines for setting speed limits.
31. If appropriate the alterations will be considered for inclusion in a future programme.

**G. Petition regarding lorry parking at Cromwell (Ref 2016/0149)**

32. At the County Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Councillor Bruce Laughton presented a petition from local residents opposing Cromwell Lorry Park.
33. As Cromwell is one of four sites being considered by Newark and Sherwood District Council, this petition has been sent to Andy Statham, Director of Planning for consideration; who has liaised directly with the petitioners.

**H. Petition requesting pedestrian barrier on Sadler Street, Mansfield (Ref 2016/0152)**

34. At the County Council on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Councillor Diana Meale and Councillor Darren Langton presented a petition of 46 signatures requesting a pedestrian barrier on Sadler Street at the entrance of the footpath leading to Devon Drive. This was to prevent pedestrians, especially children, stepping into the road from the footpath which was felt to be a hazard.

35. The Council first received this request in October 2015. On investigating the issue it was found there is insufficient room to install a pedestrian barrier at the kerb edge adjacent to the footpath on Sadler Street. The barrier would need to be installed a minimum of 300mm from the kerb edge and this would narrow the footway to less than the recommended width for mobility scooters. Given the path is at a right angle with walls on both sides, the swept path for mobility scooters to turn in alongside a guardrail would also be made difficult if not impassable. Installation of a guardrail would also prevent access to a utility cover in the footway at this location.
36. Sadler Street and the adjoining Stafford Street form a loop off Westfield Lane and are quiet residential roads. It is reasonable to assume that traffic flows and average vehicle speeds are generally low and no complaints of speeding, through traffic or safety have been received in the last 8 years. There have also not been any accidents on either road in the last 3 years. In the past there has been contact from a mobility scooter user regarding this footpath and there are four advisory markings for the mobility impaired on these two roads.
37. In summary, the Committee agreed that it was not feasible to install a barrier at this location.

**I. Petition requesting safety barriers on footpath from Coniston Road to Belvoir Street, Hucknall (Ref 2016/0153)**

38. A 31 signature petition was presented to the 14th January 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Alice Grice. The petitioners requested that safety barriers be installed on the jitty to slow down cycles and deter motorcycles from using the jitty but are of a type to still allow access for mobility scooters.
39. The jitty is approximately 50m long with the Belvoir Street end restricted by its width and has a manhole and lamp column in the footway and parked vehicles acting as a natural restriction to slow down cycles. Provision of a barrier here is impractical and would restrict the use for mobility scooters
40. The Coniston Road end of the jitty is approximately 2.5m wide with cycles and motor bikes being unrestricted and they can exit the jitty onto the footway and carriageway at speed.
41. A staggered Pedestrian Guardrail is to be installed at the Coniston Road end of the jitty to slow down cycles and motorbikes but will allow access by mobility scooters. The work is being funded by the Community Safety Team and will be completed before the end of March 2016.

**J. Petition requesting a residents' parking scheme on Ranmoor Road, Gedling (Ref 2016/0154)**

42. At County Council on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Councillor Nicki Brooks presented a petition of 33 signatures requesting a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Ranmoor Road, Gedling. This was due to problems caused by commuters and shoppers parking on the road.

43. Ranmoor Road is directly adjoining Main Road which is a busy shopping area with a number of businesses including a public house and a car garage. There is a car park owned by Gedling Borough Council with 30 spaces at this end of Ranmoor Rd which offers 2 hours free parking and £3 to park all day. The petitioners state that people are using Ranmoor Road to park instead of the car park due to the charges and drivers are using the road to park and ride into Nottingham. This is causing obstruction of driveways, congestion, limits on-street parking availability for residents and prevents road sweeping.
44. Requests for residents' parking are considered against the current policy for new schemes which states that there should be:
- Significant levels of current requests from residents
  - Non-resident parking which is detrimental to the vitality of the local centre or other Local Transport Plan objectives' and
  - A trip-attractor which causes non-resident intrusive parking
45. It is considered that this section of Ranmoor Road meets at least one of these criteria hence the County Council will carry out an investigation to determine whether a residents' parking scheme could be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme.
- K. Petition requesting the resurfacing of the carriageway on Carsic Road, Sutton (Ref 2016/0155)**
46. A 273 signature petition was presented to the 14th January 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tom Hollis. The petitioners requested that the carriageway on Carsic Road be resurfaced.
47. In its current condition it does not justify resurfacing as a priority but has been added onto the unclassified carriageway list to be considered for resurfacing in future years. In the meantime, the condition of the carriageway will be monitored on a monthly basis and any investigatory defects noted during the inspection will be repaired. No defects were identified on the last inspection in January.
- L. Petition requesting the resurfacing of the carriageway on Huthwaite Road, Sutton (Ref 2016/0156)**
48. A 413 signature petition was presented to the 14th January 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tom Hollis. The petitioners requested the carriageway on Huthwaite Road be resurfaced
49. The carriageway is on the provisional list for consideration for structural patching repairs to be undertaken in financial year 2016/17. It will be an ongoing phased scheme over a number of years and when complete the carriageway will be surface dressed.
50. In the meantime, the condition of the carriageway will be monitored on a monthly basis and any investigatory defects noted during the inspection will be repaired. No defects were identified on the last inspection in January.

**M. Petition requesting the resurfacing of the carriageway on Westbourne Road, Sutton (Ref 2016/0157)**

51. A 166 signature petition was presented to the 14th January 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tom Hollis. The petitioners requested that the carriageway on Westbourne Road be resurfaced.
52. In its current condition it does not justify resurfacing as a priority but has been added onto the unclassified carriageway list to be considered for resurfacing in future years. In the meantime, the condition of the carriageway will be monitored on a monthly basis and any investigatory defects noted during the inspection will be repaired. No defects were identified on the last inspection in January.

**N. Petition requesting the resurfacing of the carriageway on Alfreton Road, Sutton (Ref 2016/0158)**

53. A 90 signature petition was presented to the 14th January 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tom Hollis. The petitioners requested the carriageway on Alfreton Road be resurfaced
54. In its current condition it does not justify resurfacing as a priority. In the meantime, the condition of the carriageway will be monitored on a monthly basis and any investigatory defects noted during the inspection will be repaired. No defects were identified on the last inspection in January.

**O. Petition regarding condition of main road in Thrumpton (Ref 2016/0161)**

55. At the County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Councillor Andrew Brown presented a petition of 149 signatures requesting that the central section of Barton Lane be resurfaced in Thrumpton village. It is felt that the road is in a dangerous condition due to heavy usage.
56. Barton Lane runs parallel to the A453 Trunk road and recent road layout changes in the area have resulted in each end of Barton Lane being reconstructed to a high standard. This has left a central section which is in noticeably poorer condition. The road is routinely inspected for safety on a monthly basis and the last inspection on 31 March 2016 found no actionable defects other than one currently pending repair near the Church Ln junction. Over the last 12 months, there have been 10 works orders issued for repairs. This road length has been under consideration for future resurfacing, but has not yet been approved for the Capital Maintenance Programme and is not included in the provisional Programme for 2016/17.
57. In May 2015, Thrumpton Parish Meeting also requested that the road be assessed for a weight restriction following the completion of the A453T dualling works. The traffic survey on 24/9/15 showed the numbers of heavy goods vehicles using the route to be comparatively low at only 11 on the day of the survey. It has been noted for future consideration in the Weight Restriction Programme, but it will be assessed against the scorings from other roads which are likely to be busier.
58. The road will continue to be inspected monthly and maintained in a safe condition whilst being considered for a future maintenance Programme.

**P. Petition regarding reduction in speed on the Ridgeway in Gotham (Ref 2016/0162)**

59. At the County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Councillor Andrew Brown presented a petition of 64 signatures requesting a permanent interactive speed sign be installed to address speeding concerns in the 40mph speed limit on Leake Rd in Gotham, also known as 'The Ridgeway'.
60. Following discussions with Councillor Brown in December 2015, a speed and traffic flow survey was carried out between 25/1/16 – 31/1/16 on the straight road length within the 40mph limit northwest of the Bunny Lane junction. The peak hour's 85th percentile speeds travelling southeast were 43.9mph – 44.4mph with flows varying from 264 - 342 vehicles per hour. This meets the traffic flow, but not the speed criteria for a permanent interactive speed sign. North-west bound, the speeds in the peak hours were 48.2mph – 48.5mph with flows of 257 – 387. This meets both criteria.
61. The site will therefore be considered for a future Interactive Speed Sign Programme.

**Q. Petition requesting carriageway resurfacing on Roger Close, Sutton in Ashfield (Ref 2016/0164)**

62. A 16 signature petition was presented to the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 meeting of the County Council by Councillor David Kirkham. The petitioners requested that the carriageway on Roger Close be resurfaced.
63. The carriageway surface is aesthetically poor with numerous areas of repairs and some fretting of the surface course and there have been several areas of carriageway repairs.
64. The carriageway is included in the 2016/17 surface dressing programme unfortunately there is no definite start date as yet however it should be completed during July – September 2016.

**R. Petition regarding flooding on public footpath off Stapleford Road, Trowell (Ref 2016/0165)**

65. A 126 signature petition was presented to County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 by Councillor Ken Rigby requesting that an investigation and remedial action be undertaken to clear a right of way of standing water.
66. The cause of the standing water is directly linked to the presence of two gullies which are failing to clear the water effectively. Two gullies had been installed at the site, it is understood, by Broxtowe Borough Council when it held the agency agreement to manage the area. Broxtowe Borough Council advises however that it has no records of these works. As the gullies in question are located off the adopted highway where Trowell footpath No 8 joins Trowell bridleway No 9, the County Council holds no responsibility for their maintenance.
67. However following a request from Councillor Rigby to assist local residents, on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 the NCC Drainage Unit cleansed the gullies and removed the detritus and silt from the footpath surface at the site.



68. The gullies will also be added to the routine gully cleansing programme for the Broxtowe area which has recently been completed. The next cleansing cycle will be undertaken in approximately 12 -18 months.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

69. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is RECOMMENDED that the contents of the report and the actions approved be noted.

#### **Report of:-**

**Councillor John Knight**  
**Chairman of Culture Committee**

**Councillor Diana Meale**  
**Chairman of Economic Development Committee**

**Councillor Jim Creamer**  
**Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee**

**Councillor Kevin Greaves**  
**Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee**

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##### Environment and Sustainability Committee:-

Oliver Meek, Principal Planning Officer  
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##### Transport and Highways Committee:-

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## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- Minutes of the County Council meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- Response to petition presented to the Chairman of the County Council, report to Culture Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Broadband petitions – North Clifton, Wigsley and Harby report to Economic Development Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016
- Responses to petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council, reports to Transport and Highways Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

## **Electoral Division(s) Affected**

Carlton East, Collingham, Farnsfield and Lowdham, Hucknall, Kimberley and Trowell, Mansfield West, Misterton, Rufford, Soar Valley, Southwell and Caunton, Sutton in Ashfield Central, Sutton in Ashfield West, Tuxford



## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **Clarification of Minutes of Committee Meetings published since the last meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members the opportunity to raise any matters of clarification on the minutes of Committee meetings published since the last meeting of Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The following minutes of Committees have been published since the last meeting of Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and are accessible via the Council website:-  
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>

<b>Committee meeting</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting</b>
Adult Social Care and Health Committee	7 <sup>th</sup> March, 18 <sup>th</sup> April*
Appeals Sub-Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Audit Committee	None
Children & Young People's Committee	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Community Safety Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> March
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee	None
Culture Committee	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Economic Development Committee	None
Environment and Sustainability Committee	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Finance and Property Committee	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Grant Aid Sub-Committee	26 <sup>th</sup> January*
Health Scrutiny Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Health & Well Being Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Joint City/County Health Scrutiny Committee	15 <sup>th</sup> March, 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport	None
Nottinghamshire Local Pensions Board	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Nottinghamshire Pensions Fund Committee	None
Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Panel	1 <sup>st</sup> February
Pensions Investment Sub-Committee	None
Pensions Sub-Committee	4 <sup>th</sup> February
Personnel Committee	None
Planning & Licensing Committee	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Policy Committee	9 <sup>th</sup> March, 20 <sup>th</sup> April*

<b>Committee meeting</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting</b>
Public Health Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> March*
The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee	None
Transport and Highways Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> March, 21 <sup>st</sup> April*

\* Minutes expected to be published before 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016, but not yet approved by the relevant Committee.

**Anthony May**  
**Chief Executive**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To report details of the current membership of the political Groups of the Council, together with the names of officers appointed within the Groups

**Information and Advice**

2. It is a requirement for Members to note the composition of the political Groups of the Council as required by the Committees and Political Groups Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
3. There are currently five political Groups on the Council, which are:-
  - the Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group
  - the Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group
  - the Liberal Democrats Group
  - the Ashfield Independents Group
  - the Independent Group
4. In addition to the five Groups detailed within this report, there are three non-aligned County Councillors who are not part of any political Group of the Council. These are Councillor Maureen Dobson, Councillor Ian Campbell and Councillor John Wilmott (Hucknall First Community Forum).
5. There has been no change to the membership of the Groups since the last report to Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
6. Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require that seats on Committees and Sub-Committees are allocated to the political groups in a way which reflects the overall balance of the Council. Details of these are dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

**Other Options Considered**

7. None, it is a requirement of the Constitution to report annually to Full Council

## **Reason for Recommendations**

8. It is necessary for Council to note the political Groups on the Council and their Officers.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the membership of the political groups be noted
- 2) That, in accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Officers of the Groups be noted.

**Anthony May**  
**Chief Executive**

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## **Constitutional Comments**

10. As this report is for noting only, Constitutional Comments are not required.

## **Financial Comments (RWK 28/04/2016)**

11. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All

**MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF GROUPS**

**(A) Nottinghamshire County Council Labour Group**

**32 Members**

Pauline Allan	David Kirkham
Roy Allan	John Knight
John Allin	Darren Langton
Alan Bell	Diana Meale
Joyce Bosnjak	Michael Payne
Nicki Brooks	John Peck JP
Steve Calvert	Sheila Place
Steve Carroll	Liz Plant
John Clarke	Mike Pringle
Jim Creamer	Darrell Pulk
Sybil Fielding	Alan Rhodes
Kate Foale	Pamela Skelding
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Alice Grice	John Wilkinson
Colleen Harwood	Yvonne Woodhead

**Officers**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Alan Rhodes
<b>Deputy Leader:</b>	Councillor Joyce Bosnjak
<b>Business Manager:</b>	Councillor Steve Carroll

**(B) Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative Group**

**21 Members**

Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
Chris Barnfather	John Ogle
Andrew Brown	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Tony Roberts MBE
John Cottee	Mrs Sue Saddington
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Martin Suthers OBE
Dr John Doddy	Keith Walker
Boyd Elliott	Stuart Wallace
John Handley	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Liz Yates
Roger Jackson	

**Officers**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
<b>Deputy Leader:</b>	Councillor Martin Suthers OBE
<b>Business Manager:</b>	Councillor Chris Barnfather

### **(C) Liberal Democrats Group**

#### **5 Members**

Steve Carr  
Stan Heptinstall MBE  
Keith Longdon

Ken Rigby  
Jacky Williams

#### **Officers**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Ken Rigby
<b>Deputy Leader:</b>	Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE
<b>Business Manager:</b>	Councillor Steve Carr

### **(D) Ashfield Independents Group**

#### **4 Members**

Tom Hollis  
Rachel Madden

David Martin  
Jason Zadrozny

#### **Officers**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Tom Hollis
<b>Deputy Leader:</b>	Councillor David Martin
<b>Business Manager:</b>	Councillor Rachel Madden

### **(E) Independent Group**

#### **2 Members**

Stephen Garner (Mansfield Independent Forum)  
Andy Sissons (Mansfield Independent Forum)

#### **Officers**

<b>Leader:</b>	Councillor Stephen Garner
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### **(F) Non-aligned Members**

Councillor Ian Campbell  
Councillor Maureen Dobson  
Councillor John Wilmott (Hucknall First Community Forum)

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To agree the establishment of the Council Committees and make appointments to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**Information and Advice**

2. Under the Council's Constitution, the Annual Meeting of the Full Council is required to establish such Committees as the Council sees fit.
3. The current committee structure governing the County Council is set out below. Their terms of reference are set out in the Council's Constitution and it is proposed that their re-establishment for the forthcoming municipal year be confirmed:-

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| • Adult Social Care and Health Committee | • Environment and Sustainability Committee |
| • Appeals Sub-Committee*                 | • Finance and Property Committee           |
| • Audit Committee                        | • Grant Aid Sub-Committee                  |
| • Children and Young People's Committee  | • Health and Wellbeing Board               |
| • Conduct Committee                      | • Health Scrutiny Committee                |
| • Community Safety Committee             | • Local Joint Resolutions Committee        |
| • Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee      | • Mental Health Guardianship Panel*        |
| • Culture Committee                      | • Nottinghamshire Local Pensions Board     |
| • Economic Development Committee         | • Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee   |

- Pensions Investment Sub-Committee
- Pensions Sub-Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Planning and Licensing Committee\*
- Policy Committee
- Public Health Committee
- Senior Staffing Sub-Committee\*
- Transport and Highways Committee

\*With regard to the appointments to these committees, sub-committees and panels it is mandatory for the members to have received the appropriate training before sitting on them.

4. The County Council also agree to participate in the following joint committees for the forthcoming municipal year:-

- Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee
- City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee
- Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transport Advisory Committee
- Joint City/County Health Scrutiny Committee
- Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport
- Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel
- Parking Adjudication Joint Committee

5. As in previous years, it is proposed that the Leader be appointed as an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees of which he is not a voting full member, except the Appeals Sub-Committee, Conduct Committee, Health Scrutiny Committee, Mental Health Guardianship Panel, Planning and Licensing Committee, Senior Staffing Sub-Committee, and Joint Committees. As an ex-officio Member the Leader would have the right to speak but not to vote at meetings.

6. In determining the membership of Committees, account must be taken of the requirements of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and 1991 made under sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. These Regulations require that seats on Committees and Sub-Committees are allocated to the political Groups in a way which reflects the overall balance on the Council. The advice of the Monitoring Officer is that to comply with legislative requirements the allocation of seats should be based on overall seat numbers rather than on individual committee numbers. The chart in Appendix A reflects this.

## **JOINT COMMITTEES WITH CITY COUNCIL**

7. There are currently three Joint Committees between the County and Nottingham City Councils as follows:-

- Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Advisory Committee
- Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport
- Joint City / County Health Scrutiny Committee



8. The appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport are undertaken in accordance with an agreement between the County and the City Councils. Under this agreement in the forthcoming municipal year the Chairman of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be nominated by the County Council and the Vice-Chairman by the City Council. The Chairman of the Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport will be nominated by the City Council and the Vice-Chairman by the County Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

## **OTHER JOINT COMMITTEES**

### **City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee**

9. This is a joint Committee of all the District / Borough Councils in Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City and the County Council. The Committee membership is:-

Ashfield District Council (1); Bassetlaw District Council (1); Broxtowe Borough Council (1); Gedling Borough Council (1); Mansfield District Council (1); Newark & Sherwood District Council (1); Nottingham City Council (4); Nottinghamshire County Council (1); Rushcliffe Borough Council (1)

10. The terms of reference of the Committee require that the appointed Member from each constituent authority be the Leader / Elected Mayor or other executive member or committee chairman from each authority. The current County Council member is the Leader of the Council and it is proposed that this continues. Each constituent authority is also required to appoint a named substitute member. The current substitute member is the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and it is proposed that this continues.

### **Nottinghamshire Local Pensions Board**

11. The Nottinghamshire Local Pension Board is a body that has been established to scrutinise the work of the Council in its capacity as local pension authority. There is a membership of 8, including 1 County Council representative; the specific membership requirements are set out in legislation and the Board is not subject to the rules of political proportionality.

### **Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel**

12. The Police and Crime Panel is a joint Committee of all the District / Borough Councils in Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City and the County Council.
13. Legislation stipulates that Police and Crime Panel must represent all parts of the relevant area, be politically balanced and have a membership that has the necessary skills, knowledge and experience. The current panel membership is:-

Ashfield District Council (1); Bassetlaw District Council (1); Broxtowe Borough Council (1); Gedling Borough Council (1); Mansfield District Council (1); Newark & Sherwood District Council (1); Nottingham City Council (2 & 2 co-optees);

Nottinghamshire County Council (1 & 3 co-optees); Rushcliffe Borough Council (1), plus 4 Independent Member co-optees.

14. The County Council is automatically allocated one place on the Panel. Additionally in order to achieve political balance on the Panel, the County Council have been allocated two co-opted places for the Conservative Group and one co-opted place for the Liberal Democrat Group. It is proposed the current arrangements and named individuals be re-appointed for the forthcoming municipal year.

#### **Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee**

15. A joint committee with a number of other local authorities has been established for the purpose of adjudicating services for the bus lane enforcement. The current member is the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee and it is proposed this continues.

#### **Parking Adjudication Joint Committee**

16. A joint committee with a number of other local authorities has been established for this and the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee is the current member. It is proposed this continues.

#### **Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority**

17. The County Council is required to appoint 12 members to the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority. Appointments must be made in accordance with political proportionality as per the recommendation.

#### **External Appointments**

18. The Council's appointments to a number of Outside Bodies are due for renewal in this municipal year. Pending the wider review of Outside Bodies appointments following the next County Council election, it is proposed that the existing appointments be renewed as follows:-

- East Midlands Councils – The Leader
- East Midlands Councils Executive Board – The Leader
- East Midlands Councils Improvement and Transformation Board – The Leader
- East Midlands Councils Strategic Migration Board – Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts
- Groundwork Greater Nottingham – Councillor Jim Creamer
- Rural Services Network – The Leader

#### **Reason for Recommendations**

19. Under the Council's Constitution, the Annual Meeting of the Council has to establish such Committees as the Council sees fit.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

20. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, ways of working, sustainability and the environment, and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

21. There are no changes to the existing Committee structure proposed and therefore there are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended:-

- (a) That the Council confirm the establishment of the Committees and Sub-Committees of Council with their existing terms of reference and with the membership as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) That a Mental Health Guardianship Panel continues to be established with 5 members (2 Labour Group, 2 Conservative Group, 1 Liberal Democrat Group), to make decisions on renewal and discharge of guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- (c) That the membership of the Nottinghamshire Local Pensions Board be confirmed as one County Councillor, one City Councillor, two other employer representatives, one Trade Union representative and three other pension scheme member representatives.
- (d) That the Council confirms its continued participation in the Joint Committees and with the membership as set out in Appendix A, where listed.
- (e) That the other representatives on the following committees / sub-committees be appointed as follows:-
  - (1) Children and Young People's Committee: One representative of the Church of England Diocese, one representative of the Roman Catholic Diocese, and two Parent Governors
  - (2) Health and Wellbeing Board: Seven District / Boroughs Councillors, six NHS Clinical Commissioning Group representatives, one Healthwatch, one NHS England, the Police and Crime Commissioner, three officers – Corporate Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services, Director of Public Health
  - (3) Health Scrutiny Committee: 1 co-opted Councillor with voting rights from each of the following authorities – Ashfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Mansfield District Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.

- (4) Pensions Investment Sub-Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District / Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union Representatives, one Scheduled Body representative
- (5) Pensions Sub-Committee: Three City Councillors, two Nottinghamshire District / Borough Council representatives, two Trade Union representatives, one Scheduled Body representative plus two pensioner representatives.
- (6) Economic Development Committee: Two representatives of the Business Community.
- (f) That the Leader of the Council be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees except the Appeals Sub-Committee, Conduct Committee, Health Scrutiny Committee, Mental Health Guardianship Panel; Planning and Licensing Committee, Senior Staffing Sub-Committee and Joint Committees; with the right to speak but not to vote.
- (g) That the Council make the following appointments of Chairman and Vice-Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2017, it being noted that the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Mental Health Guardianship Panel, Senior Staffing Sub-Committee or Conduct Committee will be a matter for that Sub-Committee:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Adult Social Care and Health	Muriel Weisz	Alan Bell
Appeals Sub-Committee	Sheila Place	Nicki Brooks
Audit	Keith Walker	Sheila Place
Children and Young People	John Peck JP	Liz Plant and Kate Foale
Community Safety	Glynn Gilfoyle	Alice Grice
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee	Liz Plant	Not applicable
Culture	John Knight	Pauline Allan
Economic Development	Diana Meale	Roy Allan
Environment and Sustainability	Jim Creamer	Pamela Skelding
Finance and Property	David Kirkham	Darren Langton
Grant Aid Sub Committee	Joyce Bosnjak	Martin Suthers OBE
Health and Wellbeing Board	Joyce Bosnjak	Appointed by the Board
Health Scrutiny Committee	Colleen Harwood	John Allin
Joint Cttee on Strategic Planning & Transport	City Councillor	Jim Creamer
Joint Health Scrutiny (with City)	Parry Tsimbiridis	City Councillor
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund	Reg Adair	Mike Pringle
Pensions Investment Sub-Committee	Reg Adair	Mike Pringle
Pensions Sub-Committee	Reg Adair	Mike Pringle
Personnel	Sheila Place	Nicki Brooks
Planning & Licensing	John Wilkinson	Sue Saddington
Policy	Alan Rhodes	Joyce Bosnjak
Public Health Committee	Joyce Bosnjak	Glynn Gilfoyle
Transport and Highways	Kevin Greaves	Steve Calvert

- (h) That the Leader of the Council continues to be the representative appointed to the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee and the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee continues to be appointed to act as substitute.
- (i) That the current appointments to the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Panel including the existing co-options from the Council's Conservative Group and Liberal Democrat Group be continued to maintain political balance across the area of the Panel.
- (j) That the 12 places on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority will be allocated between the groups as follows;-
  - Labour Group 6
  - Conservative Group 4
  - Liberal Democrat Group 1
  - Ashfield Independents Group 1
- (k) That the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee continues to be the representative appointed to the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee and the Parking Adjudication Joint Committee.
- (l) That the appointment of members of the political groups to committees, sub-committees and joint committees be undertaken by the Team Manager, Democratic Services on behalf of the Chief Executive (the Proper Officer) in order to give effect to the wishes of the political groups in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 the relevant Statutory Regulations and the Council's Standing Orders.
- (m) That the Team Manager, Democratic Services be authorised to act on behalf of the Chief Executive (Proper Officer) to appoint people as co-optees to membership of committees when required.
- (n) That the following renewed appointments to Outside Bodies be approved:-
  - East Midlands Councils – The Leader
  - East Midlands Councils Executive Board – The Leader
  - East Midlands Councils Improvement and Transformation Board – The Leader
  - East Midlands Councils Strategic Migration Board – Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts
  - Groundwork Greater Nottingham – Councillor Jim Creamer
  - Rural Services Network – The Leader

**Anthony May**  
**Chief Executive**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 28/04/2016)**

It is within the functions reserved to the County Council to decide the issues set out in this report

### **Financial Comments (RWK 28/04/2016)**

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All

# APPENDIX A - Allocation of Committee Seats

Meeting	Number of County Cllrs	Labour	Cons	Lib Dems	Ashfield Independ	Independ Group	Cllr Dobson	Cllr Campbell	Cllr John Wilmott	Other
Adult Social Care and Health Committee	11	6	3	1	1					
Appeals Sub-Committee (pool)	11	5	3	1	1	1				
Audit Committee	9	3	3	1	1				1	
Children and Young People's Committee	11	5	3	1		1	1			4 non-voting co-optees
Community Safety Committee	9	4	3		1		1			
Conduct Committee	5	2	2		1					
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee	9	3	3	1		1	1			
Culture Committee	11	6	3		1				1	
Economic Development Committee	9	4	3	1					1	2 non-voting co-optees
Environment and Sustainability Committee	9	5	3	1						
Finance and Property Committee	11	6	3	1		1				
Grant Aid Sub-Committee	7	3	2	1	1					
Greater Nott'm Light Rapid Transit Advisory Cttee	5	2	2						1	5 City Council Members
Health and Wellbeing Board	5	2	2	1						19 - see rec e
Health Scrutiny Committee	6	3	2		1					4 Dist. Council Members – see rec e
Joint City/County Health Scrutiny Committee	8	4	3	1						8 City Council Members
Joint Cttee on Strategic Planning & Transport	4	2	1		1					4 City Council Members
Local Joint Resolutions Committee	6	3	2		1					
Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee	9	4	3	1				1		
Pensions Investment Sub-Committee	9	4	3	1				1		8 -see rec. e
Pensions Sub-Committee	9	4	3	1				1		8 plus 2 pensioner reps – see rec e
Personnel Committee	9	4	3		1		1			
Planning & Licensing Committee	11	5	3	1	1	1				
Policy Committee	19	10	6	1	1	1				
Public Health Committee	9	5	3		1					
Senior Staffing Sub-Committee	9	5	3	1						
Transport and Highways Committee	11	6	3	1		1				





## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **NEW JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To request Council's final approval for the formation of a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire now that the Terms of Reference for the Committee have been finalised.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. On 14 January 2016, Council agreed in principle to the formation of a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw, and North Derbyshire, the purpose of which is to scrutinise Commissioners Working Together (CWT). CWT is a collaboration between eight clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and NHS England across South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire. The CCGs involved are: Wakefield, Barnsley, Doncaster, Sheffield, Rotherham, North Derbyshire, Bassetlaw and Hardwick.
3. CWT is currently undertaking a strategic review of health and social care in the region while working to deliver four work streams: cardiovascular disease, children's services, smaller specialties (covering ear, nose and throat, oral maxilla face, and ophthalmology) and out of hospital care.
4. During the course of the next few years CWT will be putting together proposals to reconfigure these services. NHS bodies and health service providers are required to consult a local authority's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee about any proposal they have under consideration for a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services within the local authority's area. However, where the proposed changes are substantial and affect more than one local authority area, the local authorities concerned are required to form a joint overview and scrutiny committee to deal with the consultation and respond on behalf of their communities.
5. CWT are planning to consult on substantial changes to two service areas (acute stroke care and children's surgery and anaesthetic services) which will affect Nottinghamshire residents in Bassetlaw as well as residents in Barnsley, Derbyshire, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield.
6. The terms of reference for this new Joint Health Scrutiny Committee are attached as an appendix to this report.

7. The Committee's working arrangements are as follows: The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis as topics require scrutiny. On a rotating basis for each meeting, each local authority will Chair and provide administrative support to that meeting. Such an arrangement will require clear lines of communication between all of the Committee's Members and the officers who support them.
8. Each local authority will have a single representative on the committee. It is recommended that the County Council's representative be the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.
9. Generally, the venue for meetings will be the NHS England offices at Oak House in Rotherham. It is not anticipated that any meetings will take place at County Hall.

### **Other Options Considered**

8. None – local authorities are required to form joint health scrutiny committees when NHS organisations have to consult on substantial changes involving more than one local authority.

### **Reasons for Recommendation**

9. To form a new joint health scrutiny committee.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

11. Costs will be incurred in relation to Member and officer travel to the new joint health committee. Once in every seven meetings, Nottinghamshire County Council will support the administration of the committee, and this will result in this authority bearing the costs in relation to the preparation, duplication and circulation of the committee's papers. These costs will be met from within existing budgets.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the formation of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee comprising Nottinghamshire, Barnsley, Derbyshire, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield to examine substantial changes of service by the Commissioners Working Together Programme be agreed, with the terms of reference set out in the appendix.

- 2) That the County Council's representative on the new Joint Committee be the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

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**Constitutional Comments (SLB 03/05/2016)**

13. County Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

**Financial Comments (RWK 28/04/2016)**

14. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 10.

**Background Papers and Published Documents**

None.

**Electoral Divisions and Members Affected**

- All



**Terms of Reference for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee to Support Health Service Change in South and Mid  
Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire**

The **South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee** is a joint committee appointed under Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218 and is authorised to discharge the following health overview and scrutiny functions of the authority (in accordance with regulations issued under Section 244 National Health Service Act 2006) in relation to the Commissioners Working Together programme or any other health related issues covering the same geographical footprint:

- a) To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area, pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- b) To make reports and recommendations on any matter it has reviewed or scrutinised, and request responses to the same pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- c) To comment on, make recommendations about, or report to the Secretary of State in writing about proposals in respect of which a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider is required to consult, pursuant to Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- d) To require a relevant NHS body or relevant health service provider to provide such information about the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area as may be reasonably required in order to discharge its relevant functions, pursuant to Regulation 26 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2014.
- e) To require any member or employee of a relevant NHS body or relevant health service provider to attend meetings to answer such questions as appear to be necessary for discharging its relevant functions, pursuant to Regulation 27 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

## **Principles**

- The purpose of the group is to ensure that the needs of local people are considered as an integral part of the delivery and development of health services across this geographical footprint.
- All Members, officers, members of the public and patient representatives involved in improving health and health services through this scrutiny committee will be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.

## **Membership**

- The Joint Committee shall be made up of seven (non-executive) members, one from each of the constituent authorities.
- A constituent authority may appoint a substitute to attend in the place of the named member on the Joint Committee who will have voting rights in place of the absent member.
- Quorum for meetings of the Joint Committee will be three members, with one from at least three of the seven local authorities present.

**The 7 Committee Member Authorities are:**

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council  
 Derbyshire County Council  
 Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council  
 Nottinghamshire County Council  
 Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council  
 Sheffield City Council  
 Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

**Covering NHS England and the following 8 NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs):**

Barnsley CCG  
 Bassetlaw CCG  
 Doncaster CCG  
 Hardwick CCG  
 North Derbyshire CCG  
 Rotherham CCG  
 Sheffield CCG  
 Wakefield CCG

**Working Arrangements:**

- The Committee will meet on an ad-hoc basis as topics require scrutiny.
- On a rotating basis for each meeting, each local authority will Chair and provide administrative support to that meeting.
- Agenda, minutes and committee papers will be published on the websites of all the local authorities 5 working days before the meeting.